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ELECTION OF SPECIES

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In response to the Official Action dated March 23, 2004, Applicant elects with
traverse Species 1 directed to Figures 2-5 on which Claims 1-5 are readable.

Applicant respectfully traverses the election of species requirement for the following
reason.

MPEP § 803 states:

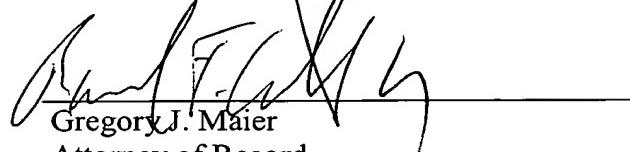
... If the search and examination of an entire application
can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must
examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to
distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search
area. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully traverses the outstanding Election of Species
requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not
place a serious burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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